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THE OLD TIMERS MET MONDAY NIGHT

Fifth Annual Reunion and Banquet at Cafe Richter One of the Best of the Association

THOS. MARSHALL NEW PRES. HAS GROWN 18 TONS PER ACRE

Twenty-six Old Timers Around the Banquet Board as Guests of President John Deckert

NEW OFFICERS

- President—Thos. Marshall
Vice President—N. A. Bolch
Permanent Secretary—Edward Pennington
Other Members: J. A. Mahoney, S. Landauer, P. A. Burdick, John Corbett, Otto Leopold, Dan Hathaway, E. H. Matthews, Ben Larsen, Guy Petty, J. D. Todhunter, Frank DeLaunay, Jr., Hugh H. Williams, M. F. DeLaunay, Sr., Arthur C. Raithel, Albert Field, Alex. M. Thompson, C. H. Tossell, J. W. Hannigan, Julius Roseh, Wm. Carey, Wm. Gordon, John Deckert.

The fifth annual reunion and banquet of the Old Timers' Association was held Monday evening at Cafe Richter, with John Deckert as host.

- Manhattan Cocktail
Sweet Radishes
Sweet Gherkins
Concombre Royal En Tasse
Lobster Salad a la Mayonnaise
Zinfandel
Haut Saute
Roast Young Turkey, Celery Dressing
Mashed Potatoes Cranberry Sauce
Fruit Salad
Ice Cream with Assorted Cakes
Bouquet Cheese Swiss Cheese
Bent's Water Crackers
Coffee
Creme De Mante
Cigars

Following the spread, Judge Edward Pennington officiated as toastmaster, the first speaker being John Corbett, who spoke for President Deckert in thanking the Old Timers for their presence and co-operation in making it a delightful evening.

N. A. Bolch, who was here when elephants roamed the plains, was next on the program, his remarks producing much merriment.

Hugh Williams, the now honored chairman of the State Corporation Commission, delivered the chief address of the evening. After an appropriate introduction, he said: It always makes me feel happy to

TOMATO GROWING FULLY EXPLAINED

J. C. Ingram, Expert Grower Tells How to Make a Success, Giving His Own Experience

By Proper Cultivation and Watering According to Instructions, There Can Be No Failures

Now that we are to have two canning factories in the Valley, tomato growing is to become our leading farm industry, and many questions are being asked by farmers, especially beginners, about tomato growing.

Perhaps a few points on tomato culture would answer some of the questions and be helpful at this time. In planning a tomato crop, the first problem, of course, is plants; and after the ground is well set with plants and past the frost and sand storms, it is simply a problem of irrigation.

You may water the plants too much before there is fruit on the vines to check the vine growth and spoil a good prospect for a crop, or you may let the plants suffer for water a single day after they are loaded with fruit and cut the crop half in two.

The best method I have found for planting and watering is to use a 12-inch turning plow, throw a furrow each way, leaving a strip about six inches wide between the furrows. Then set plants in this strip 2 1/2 to 3 feet apart and water and cultivate both sides. When the plants begin to spread and cultivation stops, the plants are setting on a very small ridge between two large ridges, and the rows about five feet apart.

The ridge between the rows forces the water to the roots where it is needed and affords a dry place to walk when picking tomatoes. If the vines fall down in the furrows and make it necessary to force water entirely over vines and tomatoes for the time usually required to perform an irrigation, they will not be injured except tomatoes touching the ground may be spoiled.

Just a moderate amount of water, say two cultivations to one watering, will grow good plants, but after the plants are loaded with fruit they must have more water to enable them to mature and ripen and also continue blooming and setting on fruit.

One hot day in August, with the roots needing water, may throw the plants on the defensive and stop the fruit setting for the season.

In the past six years I have grown all the way from one to eighteen tons per acre, and I believe that ninety-five per cent of my failures have been due to an improper or an insufficient use of water.

J. C. INGRAM. come home. And as I look about me here and see the faces of those whom I have known for more than thirty years, and to whose efforts and faith and whose earnestness of purpose the very existence of that home

Show Your Patriotism

TO THE CITIZENS OF DEMING: The congress of the United States, now assembled in special session at Washington, D. C., has declared war as a result of Germany's cruel, ruthless submarine warfare, and will take such steps as may be deemed necessary for the protection of American lives on the high seas and the maintenance of the nation's honor.

The situation is that has confronted the States since the one demanding the nation of loyalty on American citizens, in support of the stress in any emergency should its patriotism in honor, thereby set for all other communities in the state, and to this end I respectfully and earnestly urge that all residents of Deming display the American flag at their homes and places of business and in every way indicate their determination to stand squarely behind the chief executive and our representatives in congress in all steps taken for the defense of American right and American honor.



M. A. NORDHAUS, Mayor.

COMPANY 'I' SURE DID ENJOY THE BIG FEED

A big bunch of brave and patriotic men and women drove down to Columbus, Saturday, for the purpose of taking the "feed" they had prepared to serve in Deming when the boys were expected home, and if ever anybody was glad to see anybody, Capt. Brock and his officers and men were those people.

They had "broke camp," their mess-supples and mess fund were "mess-zero," and when the cheery faces of the pretty girls and other home folks gathered at the long tables in the main hall with the boys, every face wore a happy smile and every mouth was busy with the good things on the table. They tasted good all the way down.

Another thing that greatly pleased the boys was a \$35.00 gift from the Red Cross and a \$20.00 gift from generous friends. Capt. Brock informed the Graphic that the money would never have come at a more opportune time, and wanted us to say with emphasis that the entire company desired to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the good people of Deming.

GOOD-BYE, JOHN

Chicago, Ill., April 4, "Dry" forces won their greatest victory in the history of the prohibition movement in the middle west yesterday when the capitals of two states and one of the principal cities of a third, in addition to a number of small towns voted to close their saloons.

Springfield, Ill., and Madison, Wis., were the capitals which went into the prohibition column, and Duluth, Minn., the third city of the state, and one of the principal great lake ports voted the same way. Practically complete returns show that 21 towns other than Springfield voted dry in Illinois, while 11 granted licenses. Eleven of the towns voting dry already were dry, while none of those favoring the saloons had them during the past year.

In Wisconsin, 42 towns are shown to have favored prohibition while 24 voted to license saloons.

PHIL McLAUGHLIN GOOD ASSET TO DEMING

We are glad to announce that Deming has acquired a valuable publicity man and all-around booster in the person of the well-known A. P. correspondent and writer, Phil H. McLaughlin, who has been handling the associated press stuff on the border for the past year and knows all there is to know about news.

"Mac" has bought out Morris Wilson's corner tobacco and curio store, corner Pine and Silver, and will enlarge the business right away. Here's to you, "Phil."

Mr. Wilson will look after his other interests here.

MORE HONORS COME TO AMOS W. POLLARD

In the recent organization of the Southwestern University club at El Paso Amos W. Pollard was elected vice president.

A ROYAL WELCOME TO OUR SOLDIERS

City Turned Out En Masse to Give Boys Glad Hand Who Have Proven Most Efficient

ARE NOW ORGANIZED MILITIA

Judge Pennington Gives Address of Welcome, Capt. Brock Responding, Big Dance at Night

At last, Co. I has been actually mustered out of the federal service and the boys are home again, real, sure enough home again, after nearly a year's service on the border.

They were the first to arrive after the Villa raid and the last militiamen to leave after Gen. Pershing came out of Mexico.

Their efficiency has been equal to that of the regulars and the fact that there has not been a death from any cause, is evidence that things have been mighty well managed.

These boys were mustered out early yesterday morning and after getting final pay, were brought home in Capt. Brock's trucks, the captain leading in his official car. The boys were accompanied by H company of Silver City, both companies being met at the armory by a vast multitude, a number driving into the country in autos to meet them. After cordial greetings both companies were taken into the armory and refreshed with a fine luncheon, Judge Edward Pennington welcomed both companies, paying them the following tribute:

"Men of the First Regiment, on behalf of the mayor of Deming, our Chamber of Commerce and all the loyal people of Grant and Luna counties, I bid you a hearty welcome home. You were the first to respond to the call of your country and are among the last to be returned to your homes."

"We are proud of you youngsters, for although you have not fought, bled and died upon the field of battle, you were ready to do so; have done all you could do for the defense of our people, for the credit of your regiment and for the glory of our grand old flag. (Applause.)"

"Your names are inscribed upon the grandest roll of honor that was ever written—the muster roll of the American army. In years to come your children and your children's children will point to your honorable discharge as the proudest record in the family history."

"You have done your level best, and you are ready to do so again should you be called to the colors. We hope that may not be necessary, but if it should be, we who are too old or weak to fight will rest secure in the assurance we have here at home a dependable first line of defense." (Applause.)

Capt. Arthur W. Brock responded by proposing three rousing cheers for the loyal people of Deming, which were given with a hearty good will and a tiger.

In the evening a dance was given at the armory in honor of the boys, the large crowd ever assembled in the building being in attendance. Irvine & Raithel furnished punch for the occasion, twenty-five dollars being necessary. The grand march was led by Col. Porterfield and Miss Isabel Sever.

Mimbres Valley Creamery Tests up to Gov't Standard

State College, N. M., March 29, 1917.

Dear Mr. Holt: When no one but Mr. Laugharn, Mr. Trowbridge and yourself showed up at the court house for the meeting, we went down town, collected about a half dozen dairymen and went over to the creamery. Here we talked informally about dairying, and I tested the samples of cream that were on hand, explaining the test, sampling, etc. We compared the tests with the creamery's figures for the last tests, representing the first half of March, and this showed very strikingly that the creamery tests were honest, as my tests run about the same. When we finally left the creamery it was after six o'clock, and when I got down to your office you had left.

I cannot take the time to write the article for you now, that I promised, will keep this in mind.

With best regards, I am

CORA G. MATTHEWS WINS BIG LAURELS

Only Woman Agent in the "Kansas City Life" Belonging to the \$100,000 Class

LED AGENCY FORCE ONE MONTH

During 1916 She Led All the New Mexico Agents, Including the General Manager Himself

It is natural for Deming to lead in everything. Even our women folks get that habit.

A year or two ago, Mrs. Cora G. Matthews started selling life insurance and now she has a record of leading for a stated period, any agent in the Kansas City Life. There are 187 agents, all told, and last June she beat the whole "entirety" in 1916 she led everything in New Mexico, including the general agent, himself. Just the other day she sent in a \$25,000 policy for one of the leading citizens of Deming.

Mrs. Matthews has recently returned from New Orleans, where she attended a meeting of the \$100,000 club being the only woman agent to qualify in this class. She was personally complimented by the high-up officers and was given the following notice in the "Weekly Deming," edited by Agency Supervisor, Senator L. C. Mersfelder:

"A little might be said in regard to Mrs. Cora G. Matthews for the \$25,000 application sent in by her. If a lady of this ability worked steadily, she certainly would average over \$500,000.00 a year, and we wish to congratulate Mrs. Matthews on this good business."

Mrs. Matthews was one of the number to pledge enough to make the K. C. L. a \$100,000,000 company. At the St. Charles hotel banquet the agents presented President J. R. Reynolds a book bound in white leather pledging \$38,000,000 in new business for the ensuing year.

ing necessary. The grand march was led by Col. Porterfield and Miss Isabel Sever. Music was furnished by the 24th Infantry orchestra. Judge Pennington, N. A. Bolch and Mrs. Mayme Williams were big moving spirits in the delightful proceedings.

Officers returning to Deming are: Capt. A. W. Brock, 1st Lieutenant Clyde Earl Ely, 1st Lieutenant Dr. S. D. Swope, M. C., 1st Lieutenant Z. T. Vincent (chaplain), 2nd Lieutenant Herman E. Bechtel, 2nd Lieutenant H. L. Keely.

The non-commissioned officers are: 1st Sergeant, W. E. Young, Supply Sergeant, Dale Fagan, Sergeants Edgar May, Robt. Miller, Alex Hamilton and Roy Phillips, Corporals Sam Mammant, Ray Williams, Clifford Nelson, Fred Miller, Harry Price and Virgil E. Weaver.

Col. Abbott and every officer of the regiment have offered their services to the government any moment the call is made.

A letter from Thomas Page at Douglas, informs his parents that he is able to be out again, after the auto accident that caused him great trouble recently.

COLUMBUS ORGANIZES LIVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Columbus got into the map-making business Monday night by organizing a live Chamber of Commerce with 67 charter members and more joining every day. They will have 100 before the month closes.

The following board of directors was elected: J. R. Blair, G. E. Parks, Jack London, Wm. Klein and Mr. Sherer. "Doc" Marchell, a live-wire booster, was elected secretary. The other officers are J. R. Blair, president; G. E. Parks, vice president; Wm. Klein, treasurer.

One of the first sensible things they did was to buy the New Mexican recreation hall to be used for public meetings free of charge.

We are glad to congratulate our neighbor on the south.

School Election Brings Out Largest Vote Ever Cast Here

The School Board election brought out the largest vote ever polled at a school election in district No. 1, a total of 462 votes being cast, women representing about one-third of the voters. Society leaders worked with great energy, bringing voters to the polls in autos and dealing out ballots like the sterner sex.

Less than ninety ballots were cast before noon, but when a second ticket appeared at two o'clock, things got right lively and nearly 400 ballots were cast before six.

The election board consisted of Judge Pennington, R. R. Dean, Chas. Scott, S. M. Sevier, and W. J. Hobbs, who reported the following votes cast:

- J. G. Cooper, 366; Arthur C. Raithel, 364; Sam Watkins, 348; J. A. Mahoney, 345. (First ticket nominated). W. A. McCreary, 113; J. V. Scharltz, 108; J. N. Cobb, 104; Mrs. R. C. Hoffman, 87. (Second ticket nomi-

ATTY. VAUGHT SAYS NO VILLISTA TRIAL THIS TERM

District Attorney J. S. Vaught is home from Santa Fe and says there will be no trial of the 21 Villistas at this term of court. He is now clearing the decks for Luna county's term which begins the 16th.

There are several important cases to be tried during this term, including one murder charge from Columbus. City auto service. Phone 319 31-34nd